

TOWNSHEND SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
@Townshend Elementary School
7:00 pm
4-9-12 -Draft

Present: April Chase, Brian Schmidt, Al Claussen, Kim Liebow, Board Members, Steven John, Superintendent, Deborah Leggott, Principal, Judy Hawkins, Recorder

Absent: Beth Cutts

Call to Order: April called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Additions and Deletions: Deborah asked to change the wording under New Business: Change from Electronic Time Card to TES Report Card. Deborah also requested to add an Executive Session to the agenda.

Consent Calendar:

Principal's Report

- A. Superintendent's Report
- B. Minutes for March 12, 2012

The consent calendar was approved with the exception of the superintendent's report. It will be placed under reports of Administration and Committee (letter e) for further discussion later on in the agenda.

Treasurer and financial report: No treasurer report but did receive a financial report from Frank Rucker.

Bills and Purchase Orders: April made a motion to pay the bills and purchase orders as follows: Payroll PO #48 \$15,489.80, Payroll PO # 49 \$10,169.53, Payroll PO #50 \$15,882.40, Payroll PO # 51 \$7,730.96, and Vendor Warrant PO #52 \$26,857.95. No discussion. Motion carried.

Reports of Administration and Committees:

- a. Policy: Steven did give an update in his Superintendent's report of what policies needed updating.
- b. Technology: Nothing to report
- c. Negotiations: Meeting coming up on Thursday. Nothing to report at this time.
- d. RED-April reported on the RED meeting. There was a rough look at a new elementary school with Townshend, Newbrook, Windham and Jamaica. Financial implications are very encouraging i.e., the size of the building, bond incentive, 30,000 square foot at \$175 a square foot. The committee took budgets of schools that would be participating, bond cost annually. At the next RED meeting what kind of costs would be

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recognized at the WCSU level due to the consolidation. The RED committee discussed whether we can close schools and the amount of time that would be needed, etc.

e. Superintendent's Report: Steven explained in great detail the new test that will be administered to students in grades 3-8 & 11 to replace the NECAP testing. There will be no NECAP testing for 2014. The new test will be implemented by 2015 and will be called SBAC. There will be some pilots done. SBAC is a test that will be given in the spring and a yearly test. There will be a formative and a summative. This will allow for more control in the classroom by the teachers as to when they will give the test.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

a. EEE Program: Deborah reported that we currently have two students from EEE program, one from Newbrook and one from Wardsboro. The two students will be tuition students and the sending schools will be financing them and TES will receive revenue for these students.

New Business

- a. FY 12-13 Grade Configuration: Deborah presented the grade configuration for FY 12-13 and discussed at great length with the board. Deborah will send a letter home with the Thursday Notes explaining the new grade configuration for next year. Next year there will be literacy coaches and two of the teachers at TES will be coaches. They will work with all of the teachers in the building to make sure they are supporting the literacy program.
- b. TES Report Card: Deborah presented an overhead of the TES Report Card for the board to review and ask questions.
- c. Discuss Policy updates-See superintendent's report

Correspondence:

None

Upcoming Meetings:

- a. Negotiation Committee 4:30 pm April 12, 2012 at WCSU office.
- b. WCSU Executive Committee meeting re: Superintendent's Evaluation 7 pm April 18, 2012 @ Townshend Elementary School in the Art Room
- c. WCSU Boards gmail training 6:30 pm April 19, 2012 at Newbrook Elementary School
- d. Voluntary RED study committee 7pm May 2, 2012 at L&G
- e. WCSU Full Board meeting 7:00 pm May 23, 2012 at Dover Elementary School
- f. Voluntary RED study committee 7pm June 6, 2012 at L&G

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Executive Session:

April moved to enter Executive Session at 8:55 pm to discuss a personnel issue. Motion carried.

April moved to leave Executive Session at 9:08 pm Motion carried.

Kim made a motion to regretfully accept the resignation of Charlene Morse (music teacher). Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hawkins
Recorder